

SENATE BILL 398

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3; Title 8, Chapter 50 and Title 71, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to a program to assist state employees with child care costs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-50-1301, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(1) The department of human services shall develop, implement, and manage a program to provide monthly stipends for certain state employees for the cost of child care services.

(2) The department shall determine the eligibility for the state employees receiving the stipends under subdivision ( ) (1); provided, that the department shall prioritize employees who have children who are not yet eligible for Pre-K, who have children with special needs, who have multiple children, and who do not receive other child care subsidies. Employees who are high-wage earners, as determined by the department, are not eligible to receive the stipend.

SECTION 2. For purposes of developing the stipend program, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.